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This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

Clubs and individuals are invited to submit news items of interest to amateurs to news@sarl.org.za not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

SILENT KEY

It is with regret that we have to inform all his amateur radio friends that Vernon Rheeder-Kleist ZS1UW passed away suddenly after a heart attack on 14 March 2003.

He was well known in the Western Cape as an excellent constructor of amateur radio equipment. He was always able to assist his ham friends with advice on the sources and procurement of components as well as the various service providers for our hobby.

His friendly and courteous voice on the 2 metre repeater system will be missed.

What is less well known is that in earlier years, when the SARL HQ was in Cape Town, he served a two and a half year spell on the SARL Council.

To his wife Petra, family and friends we extend our sincere condolences.

PAUSE

You are tuned to ZS6SRL.

Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from nine to thirteen hours (09:00 to 13:00) at 0(zero)11-675-2393 for details on how to join the SARL, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

The news follows in detail:

SARL AGM

The SARL AGM will be held on Saturday 29 March 2003 in the Recreation Hall at the Air Force Base Bloemspuit just outside Bloemfontein. If you are attending and are arriving by air please let the Bloemfontein Radio Amateur Club know the ETA of your flight and the flight number. On Friday evening 28 March a get together has been arranged at the venue and a cash bar will be available. The venue will be open from 18:00 to 21:00 CAT.

On Saturday morning the SARL AGM will take place at the same venue. Coffee, tea, juice and snacks will be provided by the AFB Bloemspruit at R10,00 per person.

An AGM photo will be taken and will be available during the afternoon. Photos will also be taken at the dinner and will be available in early April.

Following the AGM the Bloemfontein RAC have planned a flea market/boot sale with some interesting lectures as well.
Everybody is welcome to bring along items for the flea market.
ICOM Multisource and Sam Ford have been invited to to have stalls set up in the side hall of the Recreation Hall.

Interest groups are welcome to contact the Bloemfontein RAC if they wish to arrange a meeting during the afternoon for instance the VHF/UHF Interest Group.

Lunch in the form of boeredogs and sosaties will be available at a nominal cost.

The SARL Annual Dinner will also take place at this venue and the Officers Mess of the AFB Bloemspruit is doing the catering. Dress is smart casual. A cash bar will be available. The cost for the dinner is R70,00 per person; the closing date for bookings for the dinner is 08:30 on Tuesday 25 March 2003. NB: No late bookings will be accepted.

A ladies' programme has been suggested for those ladies who do not wish to attend the AGM. A visit to Oliewenhuis Art Museum, the Mimosa Mall and the Loch Logan Waterfront and possibly the last day of the Bloemshow have been suggested.

For accommodation in Bloemfontein members can contact Mrs Veronica Marais (not Otto as previously mentioned) at 082 890 0677, during office hours please. Those with caravans can contact Maselspoort at 051 441 7848 or Reynecke Park at 051 523 3888. Both these venues have chalets as well. An information sheet has been sent out via e-mail to clubs and can also be found on the SARL web site at www.sarl.org.za.

SARL CONTESTS

During April two SARL Contests are coming up. On Thursday 3 April the first SARL 80-metre SSB QSO Party will take place from 19:00 to 22:00 CAT on the segment 3,600 to 3,650 MHz.

From 14:00 to 16:00 CAT on Sunday 13 April the annual SARL Hamnet 40 metre Simulated Emergency Contest will be on the air. The rules for both these activities as well as the general rules are available on the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za.

OAKDALE ARC OPEN DAY

The Oakdale ARC will be having an open day on Saturday 29th March at the Oakdale Club, Bloemhof Rd, Bellville. All radio amateurs, and their wives and friends are cordially invited.

This event is one of a series of similar activities that are being organised with the purpose of encouraging the individual Amateur to get involved with their local club and also to promote inter- club relationships in the Western Province.

Bar facilities will be available, as well as a variety of excellent lunches from the club's kitchen, and braai fires will be available.

Flea market facilities will also be provided, with tables available on a first come, first served basis.

INTECNET 2003 ON MARCH 30 WILL REQUIRE YOUR INPUT

The SARL Intecnet 2003 scheduled for March 30 will have a different look and will require lots of input from listeners. The subject for discussion will revolve around what should radio amateurs do to promote on the air activity. It will not be a question of what they, the SARL, SAATI, AMSAT or clubs must do, but: "What can I, as a licensed radio amateur do to promote my hobby and develop it?"

Join the discussion on March 30 starting at 20:00 on a repeater near you or on 3718 kHz. Clubs wishing to link their repeater should send details of the telephone number to be linked by the Telkom Teleconference Centre, frequency of the repeater and coverage area to armi@sarl.co.za.

ANTIQUE RADIO SOCIETY

During April 2000, a number of Collins amateur radio users formed "The Collins Interest Group. This group meets on 7070Mhz every Saturday at 9am to swop technical know-how, spares and to just give their rigs an airing. The net controller is Bushy ZS6YQ, one of the seven founders. Eye ball contacts also take place from time to time.

However, due to the fact that many rigs have been exported to the USA and Japan, the group has not experienced much growth. The committee has there-

fore decided to include all the “golden oldies” such as Drake, Swan, Hallicrafter, National, Heathkit etc that still use valves irrespective of the mode.

Should you wish to join this net, please break-in and sign on as a member. No fee is charged.

SA AMSAT TO HOLD AMSATCON2003 on May 10

SA AMSAT will hold an amateur satellite conference in Gauteng on May 10. What was an annual event in the past will be reintroduced to stimulate interest in amateur satellites and help newcomers to learn more about this fascinating part of Amateur Radio. Billed as AMSATCON2003 (Amateur Satellite Conference 2003) the conference will offer something of interest to every radio amateur. A meeting to take SA AMSAT forward will follow the conference in the late afternoon. Sponsorship is currently being negotiated in order to keep the registration fee as low as possible.

Papers are being called for. Please submit a short synopsis to hans@intekom.co.za by March 30. A full programme and registration forms will be available in early April.

CRICKET WORLD CUP SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Remember to make an effort to contact the special event station, ZS03CWC that is being operated by the Oakdale Club on all bands 80 m to 10 m until today the 23rd March.

ZS stations can send QSL’s to ZS03CWC, PO BOX 2132, BELLVILLE, 7535 and DX stations can send it to ZS1AU on QRZ.COM. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope for a special QSL card which will be available after the 23rd March.

FREQUENCY AND TIME CHANGES FOR ARMI

A reminder that from 30 March Amateur Radio Mirror International will be transmitted at 10:00 CAT on 17815 kHz and 9750 kHz and from March 31 the Monday transmission will move one hour later to 21:00 CAT but will continue using the 3215 kHz frequency.

This bulletin was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN and read by …….from …… as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 21560, 9750, and 7082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban and 145,750 MHz in the Pretoria area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 20:00 CAT on 3215 kHz.
ARMI is sponsored by Telkom and Sentech.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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